

Careers Interesting to Me

Using MnPOS

Length: 2 sessions of 30-45 minutes

Materials Needed

- Minnesota Programs of Study's Career Pathway search
(www.iseek.org/mnpos/search#tab-search-pathway)
- Video, print or online biographies of people with prominent careers
- Career interest assessments
 - ISEEK Career Cluster Interest Assessment
(www.iseek.org/careers/clusterSurvey?do=0)

Instructions

1. Share an example of a famous person's interests, aptitudes and career path. Examples: Mark Zuckerberg, Oprah Winfrey, Joe Biden, other famous civic or business leaders, or local business leaders.
2. Explain to the class that they are going to have an opportunity to relate their interests and aptitudes to career options.
3. Have students take the Career Cluster Interest Assessment.
4. Using the Minnesota Programs of Study career pathway search, have students investigate choose 2-3 careers that sound especially interesting to them within the cluster(s) identified in their assessment.
 - a. Type the name of an occupation in the keyword search or click "OR by career cluster" to search by career cluster or pathway.
 - b. Look at the list of high schools on the left side of the page to choose your school. If your school is not listed on the left, choose a nearby or affiliated school.
 - c. At the bottom of the career pathway page for that high school, click "Related Careers."
 - d. Up to five careers will be listed, click "View all xx related careers" to see all the careers associated with that pathway.
 - e. Click the name of a career to view the career profile on ISEEK (opens in a new window or tab).

5. Have students use the career information listed on Minnesota Programs of Study and ISEEK to write a report or create a multimedia project on one of the chosen careers. Students can create individual reports or work in small groups. Reports can include:
 - a. Required skills
 - b. Education/training requirements
 - c. Wages
 - d. Working activities
 - e. Work conditions (On the Job section)
 - f. Related occupations

Evaluation of Learning

- Grade the career reports.
- Monitor students' career awareness.
- Assess the student's use of the Minnesota Programs of Study website.
- The Career Cluster Interest Assessment results can be added to an Individualized Learning Plan or portfolio.

Enhanced Learning

- Have students add their education or career plans from the Minnesota Programs of Study website to their portfolios.
- Students can develop an ongoing montage in the classroom of careers they've explored and discussed in class.
- Ask students what they learned about their chosen career that most surprised them.